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Subject: Penta Creek Lease Extension Denied, Task # 3733, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Resources, Permit # C/007/0041

Dear Mr. Shaver:

The Division has reviewed your application to include the Penta Creek Lease area in the West Ridge Mine permit boundary.

The Division has determined that there are some deficiencies that must be addressed before a determination can be made that the requirements of the R645 Coal Mining Rules have been met, and an approval can be granted. Those deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter. Additionally, as discussed, prior to undermining, the West Ridge Resources must acquire and submit an addendum to SPUT -606 from the archeology consultant that clarifies the existence and location of cultural resource site 42CB-317. At which time, based on the nature and location of the site above the mine panels, the Division will make a determination if further inventory and a protection plan is necessary.

Each deficiency identifies its author by that author's initials in parentheses; such that your staff can directly communicate with that individual should any questions arise relative to the preparation of Canyon Fuel Company's response to that particular deficiency.

The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

DRH/IC/sqs
Attachment
cc: Price Field Office
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Deficiency List
Task No. 3733
Penta Creek Lease Extension

The members of the review team include the following individuals:

Ingrid Campbell (IC)
Steve Christensen (SKC)
James Owen (JO)
Priscilla Burton (PB)

R645-301-724.100: The Permittee must provide the complete November 1999 spring and seep inventory report presented in Appendix 7-6A (including all maps and figures cited in the report). Upon review of the 1999 spring and seep survey, it's unclear as to what the boundaries of the survey area were and the locations of the seeps and springs that were identified. (SKC)

R645-301-724.200: The Permittee must provide sufficient baseline information for the Right Fork of Whitmore Canyon in order to document the pre-mining characteristics of this drainage. If available, historical data can be utilized. (SKC)

R645-301-731.220: The Permittee must establish a surface water monitoring point on the Right Fork of Whitmore Canyon in order to collect pre-mining baseline data for this drainage as well as operational monitoring data. (SKC)